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A meaning of English to me

These days, many Korean people are trying to learn English for their jobs, to get promotions, or improve their test scores. However, English education in Korea still emphasizes cramming for exams and focusing on grammar without any speaking lessons. For this reason, most of Korean students have difficulties in communicating with native speakers even though they have high English test scores.

I totally believe that TESOL for Children (TC) will help me a lot in the future. In this essay, I will present some reasons why I am interested in taking the TESOL for Children course.

Firstly, as time went by I became fascinated with teaching. During my university days, I had a special experience of student teaching in a high school for a month. It was a bit hard, but the more I taught, the more interested I became. I spent a very happy and memorable time with my students.

Actually I enrolled in a Pre-TESOL program in Times Media TESOL Center 3 years ago but I couldn’t complete it because I was busy studying multi therapy which I had desired for so long.

While I studied it, I had good opportunities to understand and help the kids who felt blue or haunted. It was true that it also made me think of a man of the desert. I couldn’t forget my earnest desire for English and I have aspirations to become an English teacher. Therefore I decided to challenge TESOL again to accomplish my plan that I had put aside for long.

Recently, my job was to teach English on the internet. When I taught kids I felt so happy and valued. After ending the class, one of my students told me “Thanks to you, I got confidence" I was really proud of myself, so I decided to teach English to kids. One of reasons I did, I believe that the experience as a mother of one child can make me understand my students easier.

Secondly, I would like to learn more about specific teaching skills for kids. I have some teaching experiences and a certificate which I just got last week. While I took TESOL course, I could concentrate on the practical importance of learning. As I said above, I’m a mother. It means I have experience to bring up a child. But every day, every moment is not the same. Even though I have already been a mother, but it is still difficult for me to teach a lesson with young children. That is why I chose TESOL for Children (TC) as soon as I finished TESOL course. I think that there are some kinds of different things such as teaching methods, teacher’s motion, and atmosphere of classroom. Also, it is essential course to understand kids and learn various skills and methods.

I strongly believe that teaching is sharing and understanding with kids what I know. I like teaching and it fits me well. However, we live in an ever-changing educational environment, and that’s why I desire to learn English teaching methods for self-development as a teacher. I have been teaching kids for about a year. I really love my job and I will continue it. I sincerely hope to improve my English that’s why I want to give more useful information and make it fun for my students in the future through various interesting methods. My English is not fluent enough to teach someone yet.

Every time I taught students I wanted to have a little more confidence and abilities of teaching method not only for myself but also for my students.

Of course fluent English is very important but I think there are more important things – listening to students, enthusiasm, good sense of humor, positive feedback and so on - than fluent English in the classroom.

Whenever I meet some student or have a lesson, I always consider ‘How can I make them to understand easily, make it better than before?’

Lastly, English is known as the international language for communication. If we go abroad, we should know how to speak at least a little English to communicate. Language is not just to study; but it is for expressing their own opinion and communicating with people. This will be one of my basics to teach students.

While I taught a child on the internet, I tried to teach them various methods and get students have a positive attitude for learning English. As a result, I was selected “Best Teacher” by my students. I had learned how to handle them, what their needs and hopes were. I realized that it is essential to communicate with others in English everywhere. Also, the first step in improving our communication skills requires us to develop listening and responding skills. From my job experience, I would like to give kids confidence, show them a wide and new world.

In conclusion, I decided to take the TESOL for Children (TC) program because I would like to be a great teacher. I want to help students communicate with foreigners, make them interested in learning English, and give them the chance to realize their dreams. I hope my future students can not only experience many things but also I can also have specific teaching skills though the TESOL for Children (TC) program.